

# architecture

Overview Separation of Concerns ■ Container Components : Handle business logic and data management  
Presentational Components : Focus purely on rendering and user interaction Services : Manage data operations and external API communication Unidirectional Data Flow ■ Services → Container Components → Presentational Components → User Actions → Container Components → Services Modern Angular Patterns ■ Angular Signals for reactive state management Standalone Components for better tree-shaking OnPush Change Detection for optimal performance TypeScript-first approach with strong typing Component Types ■ 1. Container Components ■ Purpose : Handle business logic, data management, and state coordination. Characteristics : Inject and use services Manage application state with signals Handle loading, error, and data states Coordinate between services and presentational components Transform data for presentation Example Structure : @ Component ( { ... } ) export class UserListContainerComponent { private userService = inject ( UserService ) ; protected users = signal < User [ ] > ( [ ] ) ; protected loading = signal ( false ) ; protected error = signal < Error | null > ( null ) ; protected userData = computed ( ( ) => this . users ( ) . map ( user => ( { id : user . id , title : user . name , description : user . email , isActive : user . isActive } ) ) ) ; constructor ( ) { this . loadUsers ( ) ; } private loadUsers ( ) : void { this . loading . set ( true ) ; this . userService . getData ( ) . pipe ( takeUntilDestroyed ( ) ) . subscribe ( { next : ( users ) => { this . users . set ( users ) ; this . loading . set ( false ) ; } , error : ( error ) => { this . error . set ( error ) ; this . loading . set ( false ) ; } } ) ; } } 2. Presentational Components ■ Purpose : Focus purely on rendering and user interaction. Characteristics : Receive data through inputs Emit events through outputs No direct service dependencies Highly reusable and testable Built-in accessibility features Example Structure : @ Component ( { ... } ) export class UserCardComponent { readonly data = input . required < UserCardData > ( ) ; readonly disabled = input < boolean > ( false ) ; readonly actionTriggered = output < string > ( ) ; readonly itemClicked = output < UserCardData > ( ) ; readonly isInteractive = computed ( ( ) => ! this . disabled ( ) && this . data ( ) . isActive ) ; protected onClick ( ) : void { if ( this . isInteractive ( ) ) { this . itemClicked . emit ( this . data ( ) ) ; } } } 3. Services ■ Purpose : Handle data operations and external API communication. Characteristics : CRUD operations for data management Reactive state with BehaviorSubject Comprehensive error handling Caching strategies Type-safe interfaces Example Structure : @ Injectable ( { providedIn : "root" } ) export class UserService { private apiUrl = "/api/users" ; private dataSubject = new BehaviorSubject < User [ ] > ( [ ] ) ; public data\$ = this . dataSubject . asObservable ( ) ; getData ( ) : Observable < User [ ] > { return this . http . get < User [ ] > ( this . apiUrl ) . pipe ( map ( ( data ) => { this . dataSubject . next ( data ) ; return data ; } ) , catchError ( this . handleError ) ) ; } create ( user : Omit < User , "id" > ) : Observable < User > { return this . http . post < User > ( this . apiUrl , user ) . pipe ( map ( ( newUser ) => { const currentData = this . dataSubject . value ; this . dataSubject . next ( [ ... currentData , newUser ] ) ; return newUser ; } ) , catchError ( this . handleError ) ) ; } } Data Flow Patterns ■ 1. Data Loading Flow ■ // 1. Container component loads data export class UserListContainerComponent { private userService = inject ( UserService ) ; protected users = signal < User [ ] > ( [ ] ) ; constructor ( ) { this . loadUsers ( ) ; } private loadUsers ( ) : void { this . userService . getData ( ) . pipe ( takeUntilDestroyed ( ) ) . subscribe ( { next : ( users ) => this . users . set ( users ) , error : ( error ) => console . error ( "Failed to load users:" , error ) , } ) ; } } 2. Data Transformation Flow ■ // 2. Container transforms data for presentation export class UserListContainerComponent { protected userData = computed ( ( ) => this . users ( ) . map ( ( user ) => ( { id : user . id , title : user . name , description : user . email , isActive : user . isActive , } ) ) ) ; } 3. User Interaction Flow ■ // 3. Presentational component emits events export class UserCardComponent { readonly itemClicked = output < UserCardData > ( ) ; protected onClick ( ) : void { this . itemClicked . emit ( this . data ( ) ) ; } } // 4. Container handles events export class UserListContainerComponent { protected onUserSelect ( userData : UserCardData ) : void { // Handle user selection this . router . navigate ( [ "/users" , userData . id ] ) ; } } State Management Strategy ■ Signal-Based State ■ // Container component state export class ExampleContainerComponent { // Core state protected data = signal < Data [ ] > ( [ ] ) ; protected loading =

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signal ( false ) ; protected error = signal < Error | null > ( null ) ; // Computed state protected hasData =
computed ( () => this . data ( ) . length > 0 ) ; protected canLoadMore = computed ( () => ! this . loading ( ) && !
this . error ( ) && this . hasData ( ) ) ; // Transformed state for presentation protected presentationData =
computed ( () => this . data ( ) . map ( ( item ) => this . transformForPresentation ( item ) ) ) ; } Reactive
Updates ■ // Services provide reactive streams export class ExampleService { private dataSubject = new
BehaviorSubject < Data [ ] > ( [ ] ) ; public data$ = this . dataSubject . asObservable ( ) ; getData ( ) :
Observable < Data [ ] > { return this . http . get < Data [ ] > ( this . apiUrl ) . pipe ( map ( ( data ) => { this .
dataSubject . next ( data ) ; // Update cache return data ; } ) ) ; } } Component Communication Patterns ■ 1.
Parent-Child Communication ■ // Container passes data to presentational < app - user - card [ data ] =
"userData()" [ disabled ] = "loading()" ( actionTriggered ) = "onUserAction($event)" ( itemClicked ) =
"onUserSelect($event)" > < / app - user - card > 2. Service-Based Communication ■ // Multiple containers
share data through service export class UserListContainerComponent { private userService = inject (
UserService ) ; protected users = signal < User [ ] > ( [ ] ) ; constructor ( ) { this . userService . data$ . pipe (
takeUntilDestroyed ( ) ) . subscribe ( ( users ) => this . users . set ( users ) ) ; } } export class
UserDetailContainerComponent { private userService = inject ( UserService ) ; protected selectedUser = signal
< User | null > ( null ) ; constructor ( ) { this . userService . data$ . pipe ( takeUntilDestroyed ( ) ) . subscribe ( (
users ) => { // Find selected user const user = users . find ( ( u ) => u . id === this . route . snapshot . params [
"id" ] ) ; this . selectedUser . set ( user || null ) ; } ) ; } } Error Handling Strategy ■ 1. Service-Level Error Handling
■ export class ExampleService { getData ( ) : Observable < Data [ ] > { return this . http . get < Data [ ] > ( this .
apiUrl ) . pipe ( catchError ( ( error ) => { console . error ( "Service error:" , error ) ; throw error ; } ) ) ; } } 2.
Container-Level Error Handling ■ export class ExampleContainerComponent { protected error = signal < Error |
null > ( null ) ; private loadData ( ) : void { this . loading . set ( true ) ; this . error . set ( null ) ; this .
exampleService . getData ( ) . pipe ( takeUntilDestroyed ( ) ) . subscribe ( { next : ( data ) => { this . data . set (
data ) ; this . loading . set ( false ) ; } , error : ( error ) => { this . error . set ( error ) ; this . loading . set ( false ) ; }
} ) ; } protected retry ( ) : void { this . loadData ( ) ; } } 3. User-Friendly Error Display ■ @if (error(); as errorData)
{ < div class = " error-state " role = " alert " > < h2 > Something went wrong < / h2 > < p > {{ errorData.message
}} < / p > < button (click) = " retry()" > Try Again < / button > < / div > } Performance Optimization ■ 1. OnPush
Change Detection ■ @ Component ( { changeDetection : ChangeDetectionStrategy . OnPush , } ) export class
ExampleComponent { // Component only updates when inputs change } 2. Signal-Based Reactivity ■ // Only
updates when dependencies change protected computedValue = computed ( () => this . data ( ) . filter ( item
=> item . isActive ) . length ) ; 3. Lazy Loading ■ // Load data only when needed export class
LazyContainerComponent { private loaded = false ; protected loadData ( ) : void { if ( ! this . loaded ) { this .
loaded = true ; this . exampleService . getData ( ) . subscribe ( ) ; } } } Testing Strategy ■ 1. Presentational
Component Testing ■ describe ( "UserCardComponent" , ( ) => { let component : UserCardComponent ;
beforeEach ( ( ) => { component = new UserCardComponent ( ) ; } ) ; it ( "should emit click event when
interactive" , ( ) => { const spy = jasmine . createSpy ( ) ; component . itemClicked . subscribe ( spy ) ;
component . data . set ( { id : "1" , title : "Test" , isActive : true } ) ; component . disabled . set ( false ) ;
component . onClick ( ) ; expect ( spy ) . toHaveBeenCalled ( ) ; } ) ; } ) ; 2. Container Component Testing ■
describe ( "UserListContainerComponent" , ( ) => { let component : UserListContainerComponent ; let
userService : jasmine . SpyObj < UserService > ; beforeEach ( ( ) => { const spy = jasmine . createSpyObj (
"UserService" , [ "getData" ] ) ; TestBed . configureTestingModule ( { providers : [ { provide : UserService ,
useValue : spy } ] , } ) ; component = TestBed . createComponent ( UserListContainerComponent ) .
componentInstance ; userService = TestBed . inject ( UserService ) ; } ) ; it ( "should load users on init" , ( ) => {
const mockUsers = [ { id : "1" , name : "John" } ] ; userService . getData . and . returnValue ( of ( mockUsers ) ) ;
component . ngOnInit ( ) ; expect ( component . users ( ) ) . toEqual ( mockUsers ) ; } ) ; } ) ; 3. Service Testing
■ describe ( "UserService" , ( ) => { let service : UserService ; let httpMock : HttpTestingController ; beforeEach
( ( ) => { TestBed . configureTestingModule ( { imports : [ HttpClientTestingModule ] , providers : [ UserService ]
, } ) ; service = TestBed . inject ( UserService ) ; httpMock = TestBed . inject ( HttpTestingController ) ; } ) ; it (

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"should fetch users" , ( ) => { const mockUsers = [ { id : "1" , name : "John" } ] ; service . getData ( ) . subscribe (
( users ) => { expect ( users ) . toEqual ( mockUsers ) ; } ) ; const req = httpMock . expectOne ( "/api/users" ) ;
req . flush ( mockUsers ) ; } ) ; }
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**Best Practices** ■ **1. Component Design** ■ **Single Responsibility** : Each component has one clear purpose  
**Composition over Inheritance** : Use composition for reusability  
**Props Down, Events Up** : Data flows down, events flow up  
**Pure Functions** : Presentational components should be pure  
**2. State Management** ■ **Single Source of Truth** : Services are the source of truth  
**Immutable Updates** : Use signals for immutable state updates  
**Computed Values** : Use computed for derived state  
**Error Boundaries** : Handle errors at appropriate levels  
**3. Performance** ■ **OnPush Change Detection** : Use for all components  
**Signal-Based Reactivity** : Leverage Angular signals  
**Lazy Loading** : Load data only when needed  
**Memory Management** : Use `takeUntilDestroyed` for cleanup  
**4. Testing** ■ **Unit Tests** : Test components in isolation  
**Integration Tests** : Test component interactions  
**Service Tests** : Mock HTTP requests  
**Accessibility Tests** : Test with screen readers  
**Migration Guide** ■ **From Traditional Angular** ■ **Replace Services** : Update to use `BehaviorSubject` pattern  
**Add Signals** : Replace properties with signals  
**Update Components** : Split into container/presentational  
**Add Error Handling** : Implement comprehensive error handling  
**Update Tests** : Write tests for new patterns  
**From Other Patterns** ■ **Redux to Signals** : Replace Redux with signal-based state  
**NgRx to Services** : Use services instead of NgRx  
**Smart/Dumb Pattern** : Align with container/presentational pattern  
**Developer Checklist** ■ **Before Implementing Architecture:** ■ Are presentational components pure (no business logic, only rendering)? Do container components handle all data management and business logic? Are all state updates using Angular Signals? Is `OnPush` change detection enabled on all components? Do services use `BehaviorSubject` for reactive state? Are user interactions handled through presentational component outputs? Have I implemented error handling at service and component levels? Are data interfaces defined for component communication? Is `takeUntilDestroyed()` used for subscription cleanup? Does the data flow follow:  
Services → Containers → Presentational → User Actions?